

Fiber homotopy theory Spring School

Quasi-category of flow categories (section 5 of the paper)

Flow: semi-simplicial set with $\text{Flow}_0 = \text{flow categories enriched over derived manifolds with corners}$.

Theorem (AB): Flow can be endowed with the structure of a quasi-category i.e. of a simplicial set satisfying the inner horn filling condition.

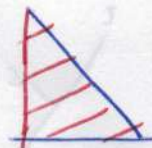
Plan: restrict to flow categories enriched over smooth manifolds with corners

- ① Filling the missing facet of a horn in Flow. (topologically, no smooth structure yet).



(the horn-filling condition can be formulated for semi-simplicial sets).

- ② Filling a whole inner horn (topologically)



- ③ Smooth structures on the morphism spaces of a filling

What remains then:

- * Filling structured horns
- * Filling horns in the setting of derived manifolds
- * Make Flow a simplicial set i.e. construct degeneracies $\text{Flow}_n \rightarrow \text{Flow}_{n+1}$ (eg $d^0: \text{Flow}_n \rightarrow \text{Flow}_n, d^0(x) = \text{id}_x$).

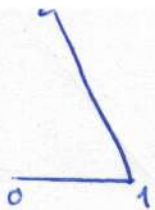
For now: Flow = semi-simplicial set of flow categories enriched over Man = smooth manifolds with corners.

Inner horns in Flow.

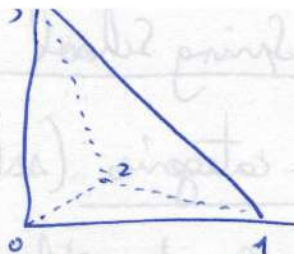
$$n \geq 2, 0 < k < n \quad \Lambda_n^k: \Delta_n^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

Geometrically: Δ^n minus its interior and the face opposite to the vertex k .

$n=2, b=1;$



$n=3, b=2;$



no interior and no face at the forefront.

Combinatorially: $(\Delta_b^n)_i = i$ -faces of the geometric Δ_b^n -horn.

ex: $(\Delta_b^n)_{n-1} =$ faces opposite to i for $i \neq b$
has n elements

A Δ_b^n -horn in Flou. is a morphism (ie a natural transformation) $\Delta_b^n \rightarrow \text{Flou.}$

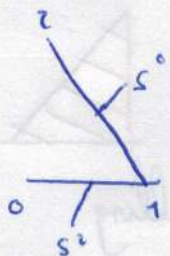
Concretely: n $(n-1)$ -simplices in Flou. $s^0, s^1, \dots, s^{b-1}, s^{b+1}, \dots, s^n$ where

$h_{n-1}: (\Delta_b^n)_{n-1} \rightarrow \text{Flou.}_{n-1}$

face opposite to $i \mapsto s^i,$

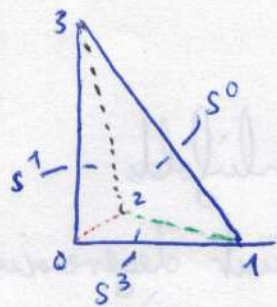
with the condition that they agree on their common faces.

ex: $n=2, b=1;$



$\partial^1 s^2 = \partial^0 s^0$

$n=3, b=2;$



$\partial^{02} s^3 = \partial^{01} s^1$

$\partial^{12} s^1 = \partial^{02} s^0$

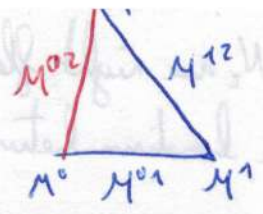
$\partial^{12} s^3 = \partial^{01} s^0$

Goal: Show that for such a horn there exists a n -simplex $\Delta^n \rightarrow \text{Flou.}$ whose ∂ -horn is Δ_b^n (face opposite to i is s^i).

Filling the missing facet

ie given an inner horn $\Delta_b^n \rightarrow \text{Flou.}$, construct a $(n-1)$ -simplex $s^b: \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow \text{Flou.}$ agreeing with $s^0, s^1, \dots, s^{b-1}, s^{b+1}, \dots, s^n$ on the common faces.

Special cases: $n = 2, \delta = 1$;
 (see intro, p. 6)

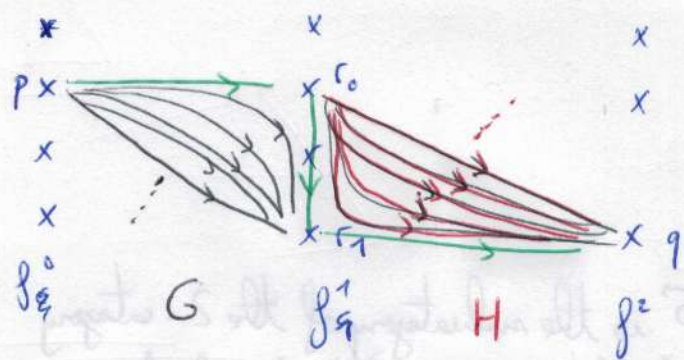


M^0, M^1, M^2 flow categories
 M^{01}, M^{12} flow bimodules
 we want to construct M^{02} .

We should think of M^{02} as the composition of $M^{01}: M^0 \rightarrow M^1$ and $M^{12}: M^1 \rightarrow M^2$ in the quasi-category Flow . We take the composite bimodule

Intuition: first: formal procedure producing what we want.
 second: from Morse theory.

Think of M^i as the flow category of a Morse function $f^i: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and of M^{01} (resp. M^{12}) as the flow bimodule arising from a continuation map G between f^0 and f^1 (resp. H between f^1 and f^2).



$M^{02}(p, q) = \coprod_{r \in M^1} M^{01}(p, r) \times M^{12}(r, q) / \sim$ where \sim identifies the common boundary state, i.e. the images of the maps

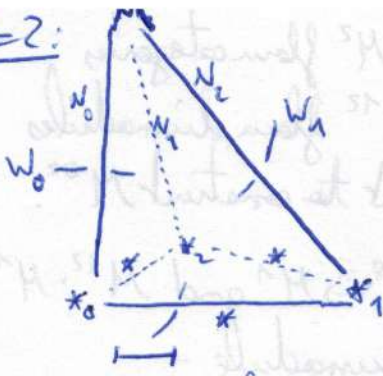
$$M^{01}(p, r_0) \times M^1(r_0, r_1) \times M^{12}(r_1, q)$$

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$\rightsquigarrow M^{02}(p, q)$ is the moduli space of concatenation of broken flow lines of G and H connecting p to q . At the level of Morse complexes we have $\Phi_{02} = \Phi_{21} \circ \Phi_{01}$.

$n=3, \delta=2:$



N_0, N_1, N_2 are right flow modules over M
 W_0 is a bordism between N_0 and N_1
 W_1 ————— N_1 and N_2 .

The value W_2 on the missing facet should be a bordism between N_0 and N_2 obtained by gluing W_0 and W_1 along N_1 . It will be:

$$p \in M, W_2(p) = \text{colim} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} N_1(p) & \xleftarrow{i_0} & N_1(p) \times (0,1) & \xrightarrow{i_1} & N_1(p) \\ \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\ W_0(p) & & & & W_1(p) \end{array} \right)$$

The filling property in that case yields the transitivity of the bordism relation on right flow modules.

General definition:

$$\vec{P} = (P_0, \dots, P_m), \quad 0 < \delta < m$$

Definition: The 2-category $\mathcal{N}_\delta^m \vec{P}$ is the subcategory of the 2-category \vec{P} with same objects and $\mathcal{N}_\delta^m \vec{P}(p,q) =$ labelled trees in $\vec{P}(p,q)$ which do not contain a vertex labelled either by $\{1, \dots, m-1\}$ or by the complement of δ in this set.

A \mathcal{N}_δ^m horn in Flow. is then a category \mathcal{Y} enriched over manifolds with corners and stratified by $\mathcal{N}_\delta^m \vec{P}$ for some \vec{P} .

From such a \mathcal{Y} , fix $p, q \in \mathcal{N}_\delta^m \vec{P}$ and define a contravariant functor

$$\mathcal{Y}_{(-)}(p,q): \mathcal{N}_\delta^m \vec{P}(p,q) \longrightarrow \text{Man}$$

$$\alpha = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \xrightarrow{P} \bullet \xrightarrow{T_0} \bullet \xrightarrow{P_1} \dots \xrightarrow{P_i} \bullet \xrightarrow{T_i} \bullet \xrightarrow{P_{i+1}} \dots \xrightarrow{T_r} \bullet \xrightarrow{q} \bullet \\ \longleftarrow \prod_{i=0}^r \mathcal{Y} \left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \xrightarrow{P_i} \bullet \xrightarrow{T_i} \bullet \xrightarrow{P_{i+1}} \bullet \\ (P_i, P_{i+1}) \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

We define the missing face of the horn as:

$$s^\delta(p,q) = \text{colim}_{\alpha \in \mathcal{N}_\delta^m \vec{P}(p,q)} \mathcal{Y}_\alpha(p,q)$$

Filling a whole inner horn

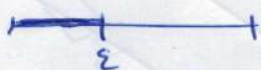
We ~~define~~ define Δ_+ the subcategory of Δ ~~obtained by keeping only injective maps.~~
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We have a codimension functor

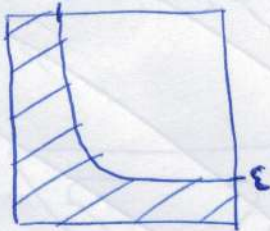
$$\text{codim}: \mathcal{A}_2 \vec{P}(p, q) \longrightarrow \Delta_+$$

L-blocks fix $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ and define $L_d \subset (0, 1)^{d+1}$ by the set of elements satisfying $0 \leq \prod_{i=0}^d x_i \leq \varepsilon$.

d=0: $L_0 \subset (0, 1)$



d=1: $L_1 \subset (0, 1)^2$



if we have an injective map $\{0, \dots, d\} \xrightarrow{e} \{0, \dots, d\}$ we can set the elements x_i for $i \notin \text{im } e$ equal to 1, and we get an inclusion $L_e \subset L_d$.

This makes $d \mapsto L_d$ a functor $\Delta_+ \rightarrow \text{Man}$.

Definition: The value of the horn filling is given by

$$Y(p, q) = \coprod_{\substack{\alpha \rightarrow \beta \\ e \in \mathcal{A}_2 \vec{P}(p, q)}} L_{\text{codim}(e)} \times Y_\beta(p, q) / \sim$$

where \sim identifies the images of the maps

$$L_\beta \times Y_\beta(p, q) \longleftarrow L_\alpha \times Y_\beta(p, q) \longrightarrow L_\alpha \times Y_\alpha(p, q).$$

Examples:

$Q=1, m=2:$

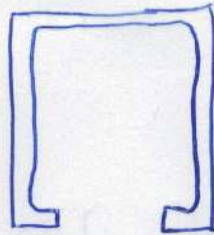
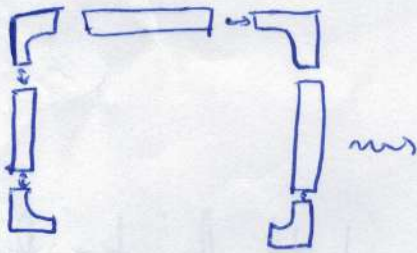
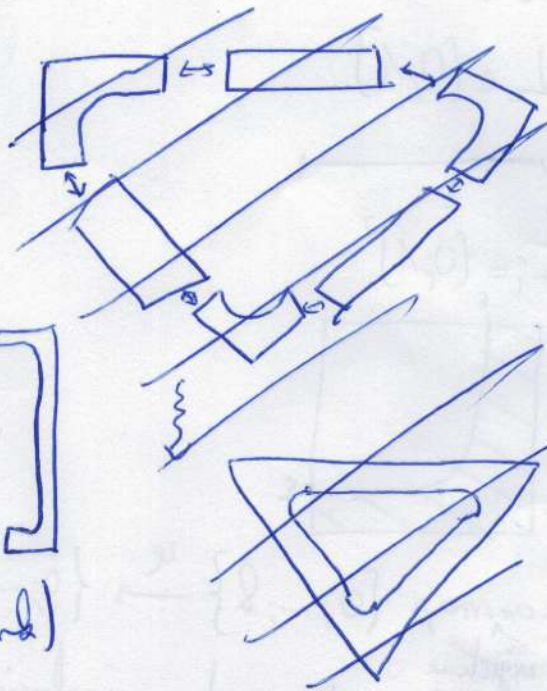
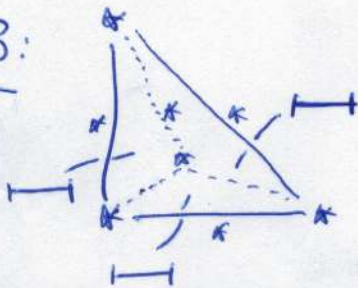
we get $\gamma(x_0, x_2) = \underbrace{[0, 1]}_{=L_0} \times M_1 \times M_2$ w/ stratification given by:

$\xrightarrow{\quad} 0 \times M_1 \times M_2$

$\xrightarrow{\quad} 1 \times M_1 \times M_2$

$\xrightarrow{\quad} [0, 1] \times M_1 \times M_2$

$Q=2, n=3:$



(I think)

Smooth structure:

Recall if we have two manifolds w/ boundary M, N and a diffeo $\partial M \xrightarrow{\cong} \partial N$ then a choice of collars is diffeos

$c_M: \partial M \times [0, 1[\rightarrow$ neighborhood of ∂M in M , $(c_M)|_{\partial M} = \text{id}$

$c_N: \partial N \times]-1, 0] \rightarrow$ neighborhood of ∂N in N , $(c_N)|_{\partial N} = \text{id}$

defines a homeo between a neighborhood of ∂M in $M \cup_{\partial} N$ and $\partial M \times]-1, 1[$, which endows $M \cup_{\partial} N$ w/ a smooth structure such that $N, M \hookrightarrow M \cup_{\partial} N$ are smooth.

Rk: depends on choice of collars! OK for us since we don't require unicity of fillings.

Here: choose collars ϕ_α on $L_\alpha \times Y_\beta(p, q)$ for all $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$

This identifies a neighborhood of $L_\alpha \times Y_\beta(p, q)$ in $X(p, q)$ w/ $L_\alpha \times Y_\beta(p, q) \times]-1, 1[$ where $b = \text{codim } \beta - \text{codim } \alpha$.